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Toledo Molding update given to Elba Rotarians at recent luncheon

by Ferlin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Rotary Club members listened with interest as Toledo Molding & Die plant manager Keith Regal and members of his management staff gave an update on construction of the new Elba plant and showed a video of what they

could expect to see going on in the 9,200 sq foot Elba plant, once production begins.

This is the fourth plant the company has opened in the past ten years. The company was first started in 1955.

Regal said the company was proud of its reputation of producing a high quality product and this was one of their strongest selling points for new business.

Plastic parts for automobiles will be manufactured by both injection molding and blow molding.

He also told Rotarians they stress safety in the workplace. Both the two different manufacturing processes used in molding automobile parts in the Elba plant will use high temperature and company associates are trained and constantly reminded to wear safety equipment and be cautious as they go about their assignments.

The company will work both men and women in the manufacturing process, said Regal. In fact some of the company's facilities have a majority women working in the manufacturing process.

Regal said production workers would begin hands-on training this month, actually molding parts. He didn't give a date when they would begin making parts to be shipped to customers.

By the end of 2004 the company hopes to have 80 production workers and about 20 office and management employees working in the new Elba plant.

Enterprise Water System

Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Bowell addressed the commission to get its approval for the sale saying the paperwork had already been signed, but the commission must give approval to the sale.

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Greg Adkins, pastor of Refuge Pentecostal Church, also asked commissioners for permission to use the farm center with the rental fee waived.

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Commissioners also granted his request with an unanimous vote.

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NEW TOLEDO MOLDING & DIE PLANT now under construction on the 203 Bypass in Elba is nearing completion. Company officials have already begun training new employees on equipment in the new plant, even as the finishing touches are being done to the facility. When completed and running at full production, the facility will employ about 120 workers.

During Coffee County Commission meeting Sale of Mount Pleasant/Battens Water Authority approved

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a short and routine meeting Monday, Jan. 26, as the group gave its approval for the sale of the Mount Pleasant/Battens Water Authority to the City of Elba.

Financial condition of Elba Schools attributed to community effort

by Bethany Dye

Elba City Schools continues to make financial ends meet in spite of the current state budget crisis.

In fact, superintendent Danny Weeks said although the system does not have an abundance of money in reserve, the schools' financial condition is the best it has been in years.

Financially at this point, Elba City Schools is very stable, Weeks said. "I think a combination of the community, the staff itself here on both campuses and the cuts that we've had have really enabled us

to help keep up the playing fields," he said, mainly due to the city

financially.

Elba City Schools keep up with the constantly changing technology.

State money provided the elementary playground, and bonds allowed the elementary parking lot to be built, he said.

"All this said, let's remember that in one year we can lose a lot of funding if the state starts making cuts," Weeks said. "I hate to say that we're in a great financial position because it might be taken as if we don't have anything to worry about. That's not true. We continually have things to worry about."

Every year, Weeks said, students from the city and county schools call on the

state for grants.

He said faculty members have helped save the school money by taking extra duties without pay.

Principals have mowed grass, lunchroom workers have painted walls and the career technical department has helped with maintenance on school buses, Weeks said.

"If we'd had to pay for those things, it would have been a big expense," he said. "I think the staff has enjoyed it. I think it's good to involve us all in a citizen-type type of unit in working together."

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has helped keep up the playing fields,

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of the 2004 state budget period, it would be \$55 million.

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He said the schools' financial future depends on the state and how much taxpayers are willing to give to education.

What we've got right with now, in

education is a major shortfall that will

continue to grow unless the economy turns around," said Rep. Terry Spicer. "We're in a very difficult situation."

He said school consolidation is a current statewide issue.

The legislature is scheduled to go into

session April 24 for a

Thinking Day Program.

With this program, Norris

said the girl scout groups pick

different countries to study and

learn about.

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New voting lines bring changes for some voters

As determined by shifts in population shown by the 2000 Federal census, Coffee County was required to re-draw some of the voting lines for its voter districts and/or precincts.

Redrawing those lines was the responsibility of the Coffee County Commission, which was responsible for the voters within those lines was the responsibility of the Coffee County Board of Registrars.

According to Gil Kelley,

chairman of the Coffee County

Board of Registrars, the redistricting is nearly complete, and new voting lines for those affected by the new lines will be mailed the last of January and throughout February. Only about 10 percent of the voters will be affected by the redistricting; only those voters being moved will receive new voter ID cards.

If a voter does not receive a

new card by the end of

February, he can assume he is

not being moved and will con-

tinue to vote at the same place

he voted previously.

In assigning voter places, the

Board of Registrars used new

maps of Coffee County,

Enterprise, Elba, and New

Brookton. If a voter has a question about his new voting place, he is welcome to inspect those maps in the Office of the Board of Registrars located at 1065 McKinnon Street (the Farm Center) in New Brookton or call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

Office hours of the Board of Registrars are from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Area Happenings

THE 2004 "VALENTINE SWEETHEART PAGEANT" will be held Saturday, Feb. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Age divisions will include 0-11 months, 1-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-18 years. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant. For more information, call Starla Amerson at 897-8101 (after 4 p.m.), Herb Winters at 897-3095, Scott Cole at 897-3209 or Ray Kyle at 897-5851.**RELAY FOR LIFE IN COFFEE COUNTY will be Friday, May 14, at the Enterprise-Oakwood Community College Campus. Any company, church or organization interested in having a team for this year's event should call Jenny Tolman at the American Cancer Society office at (334) 794-0200, ext. 2. Time to For A Cure is the theme for the event.****THE COFFEE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a Firefighter I Volunteer Certification Course hosted by the Elba Fire Department. Firemen from local fire departments including the Elba Fire Dept., Battens Volunteer Fire Dept., Goodman Volunteer Fire Dept., Tri Community Volunteer Fire Dept. and Headland Fire Dept. started this class in Sept. 2003 and will complete the course in May 2004. The course curriculum is taught through the Alabama Fire College and consists of 160 hours of classroom instruction which includes orientation and safety, personal protective equipment, fire behavior, forcible entry, search and rescue, water supply and a first responders. Along with classroom instruction, firemen also get to participate in practical exercises like the one shown above. This is a typical response to a structure fire where one team of firemen are conducting an initial attack on a fire. At the same time, another team is conducting a search and rescue for victims that may be trapped in the burning structure.**

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

A bit of trivia about words which will not make either of us any richer: **wife-beater** (or wifebeater) is on a t-shirt, probably a tank top. Don't look for this in papers like *The Boston Globe* - they have banned it as trivializing domestic abuse. There is **newater**. Reportedly in Singapore domestic wastewater is purified for reuse, or newater... ugh, we have spent entirely too many years in South Alabama to even consider drinking that water. The above information comes from no less an expert than Jesse Sheidlower, principal editor of the Oxford English Dictionary.

The Alabama legislature will be going into annual session next month. In this corner we are already bracing for what is predicted to be a rough and tumble session. There may even be a special session on accountability squeezed in the middle of all that confusion. The loudest noises are over ethics/accountability and a shortfall of money to fulfill already budgeted obligations. However we see a reality problem in the fact the governor hasn't even shown legislative leaders a tiny peek at his budget proposals. It must be remembered that as impossible as it may seem, a budget of some sort must be approved and legislators expect the sitting governor to make detailed suggestions.

This week there were news stories in the daily papers of fresh talk of another Alabama lottery vote. They are right, there is some talk of it, but right now it is only unofficial talk. A couple of weeks ago the Christian Coalition e-mailed a news release pointing out that a majority of the members of the legislature signed a pledge while running for election not to support the lottery. Christian Coalition offered a list of the commitments. Their bottom line was "no way". Yet if the budget shortfall continues to crimp state and education programs, public pressure could reverse and force such a vote. The public support is not there today, but it could break out like a ton of TNT most any day.

There have been several questions hitting this corner recently about the grandchildren. That is the excuse for updating ALL our readers. Sarah is old enough to repeat e-v-e-r-y-h-i-n-g she hears. Recently granddaddy was returning from a Birmingham meeting on a Friday afternoon and just happened to drop by Opelika and pick her up for a weekend in Elba. With just the two of us in the van, the old man got an earful, both of three-year-old singing and telling all! Six-month-old Christopher discovered chocolate this week. A picture e-mailed Monday afternoon showed a Girl Scout cookie lying on his chest and most of the chocolate coating on his hands and face... but he was grinning.

Serving on the Elba city council is obviously physically taxing. Monday's meeting was without two council members. Junior Culver is recovering from back surgery and L.M. Burch is in the hospital fighting what appears to be blood pressure problems. Each of us needs to consider treating all of them a bit kinder.

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session Feb. 3 to discuss funding for schools and other state agencies.

Schools," he said, "I think it would be the involvement of the parent in the education of their child."

For a period of two or three years, Weeks said, school enrollment dropped drastically, but for the past three years, it has hovered around 1,000.

He said the drop in enrollment is due to the decreasing size of today's families and the economic problems Elba has endured.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Elba Church of Christ to host A Capella Singing

The Elba Church of Christ will host an A Capella Singing on Friday, Jan. 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Tim Gunnells at 897-2057.

Beth Moore Bible Study available to ladies beginning February 2

A Beth Moore Bible study, Breaking Free, will be available to ladies in this area starting in February. A night study starting Monday, Feb. 2 and an after-

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host gospel singing

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, January 31, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The featured group will be "The Burning Bush Family" from Red Level, AL. Pastor Roy Turner and the congregation

LaVerne Tripp Family to be in concert at Praise and Glory Worship Center

There will be a gospel singing Friday, January 30 at Praise and Glory Worship Center next to the High School in New Brockton 419 South Main St.

Featured singer will be the LaVerne Tripp Family from Gullatin, Tennessee. LaVerne is an accomplished song writer and his song "We've Got The Power" is still sung around the

world. He is the 1991 winner of the Living Legend Award and has a weekly TV program.

The LaVerne Tripp Family presents a message of hope, freedom and deliverance.

Everyone has a special invitation to join them for a night of healing, restoration and liberty.

The singing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

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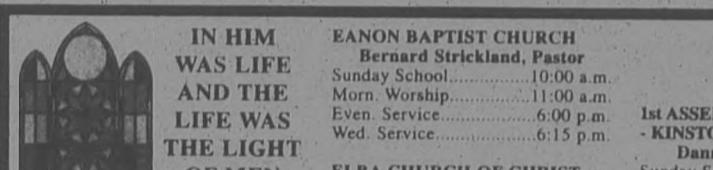
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Community-Wide Black History Banquet planned for February 27 in Enterprise

***JANUARY BIRTHDAY: Maggie Head, January 23 - (In Memory of), Randy Caldwell, January 26, Tia Sherrise Kelley - January 27, Teicia Coleman, January 27, Larry Folman - January 28 (In Memory of) Louvelia J. Folmar - January 29.

Community-Wide Black History Banquet sponsored by Club Yosepoch, Inc. Enterprise, will be held Saturday, February 7, 2004 Enterprise-Ozark Community College at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Linda Felton Smith Superintendent of Troy City Schools.

For Ticket Information Call: Mary Merritt 347-8585, Diane Williams 347-5145, Eloise Henderson 347-3398, Jamesie Rivers 347-4212, or Shelly Harden 347-0353.

***THE GRIFFITH HOMECOMING will be held February 27 at 7:00 p.m. featuring Kevin Spencer & Friends and The Griffith Family & David Robinson at the First Assembly of God Church located off Hwy. 280, Sylacauga, Alabama. For more information contact Tom Griffith (256)245-0579 or (205)369-1530.

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The singing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Wooten Chapel Assembly of God to hold Women's Conference

Wooten Chapel Assembly of God in New Brockton will hold a Women's Conference Queen of Hearts, Is There Not a Cause?, on February 5 - 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. each night. Featuring Mrs. Arkansas International, Rebecca Chandler-Fisher. For more information call 894-2133.

Westside Baptist Church to have Kid's Crusade Saturday, February 7

Westside Baptist Church will have a Kid's Crusade February 7, 2004 from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ages K - 6th Grade. There will be crafts, music, activities and

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

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Parents get educated on drugs

by Ayonna Procter

ELBA ELEMENTARY FALL 2003 FUNDRAISER (by Anna Harrison)...The PTO sponsored a fundraiser to sale Christmas gifts and wrapping paper. It was for students in grades K-6th. Total sales amounted to \$6,442.75. The kids who sold at least \$200 won a lunch ride during school to Dairy Queen for lunch. Kayla Johnson was the top salesperson with \$497.50. The students who sold at least \$250.00 were: Kayla Johnson, Terry Beasey, Ben Cash, Hannah Morgan, Cammie McCollough, Tarah Senn, Kayla Parks, Tiffany Harrison, Abigail Parish, Belize Hudson, Jake Carnley, Jamie Carnley, Anna-Bowers, Kaelyn Fillingim, Courtney Rugg and Devin Jackson.

Elba Elementary conducting interior candle sale

by Mary Katherine Head

A new fundraiser has begun at Elba Elementary School, and all proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly into the elementary school general fund.

Every student in grades K-6 is selling Home Interior Candles in a Jar. The sale began Friday, Jan. 16, and continues until Friday, Jan. 30.

There are three different sizes of candles with the prices being \$7, \$10 and \$20. The lowest priced candle burns for 40 hours, and the most expensive for 110 hours. There are approximately 30 different fragrances with such inviting aromas as Baked Apple Pie, Cookie

Dough, Very Berry, Café Latte and Midnight Musk.

Shades, which may be attached to the candles, may be purchased as well. There are two different designs with the prices being \$7 and \$14.

There are prizes being awarded to the top three sellers. All three will receive Wal-Mart gift cards. First place will receive a \$50 gift card, second place a \$35 one. However, students will only be eligible for prizes if they turn in their orders by 9 a.m. on Jan. 30.

The candles will begin coming in Tuesday, Feb. 17, and will continue coming in the time thereafter. Also, as a reminder, during Courtney's spare time, she likes to talk on the phone, hang out with friends, chat online and spend time with her boyfriend and family.

Congratulations, Tiffany, and keep up the good work!

EES Student Spotlight

by Katie Driggers



This week's Elba Elementary student spotlight is Miss Tiffany Lauren Bradshaw. Tiffany is the 9-year-old daughter of Andy and Renee Bradshaw. She is in Mrs. Dye's fourth grade class.

Tiffany is a part of the famous midget cheerleading squad.

She enjoys swimming, riding four-wheeler and playing with her friends.

Congratulations, Tiffany, and keep up the good work!

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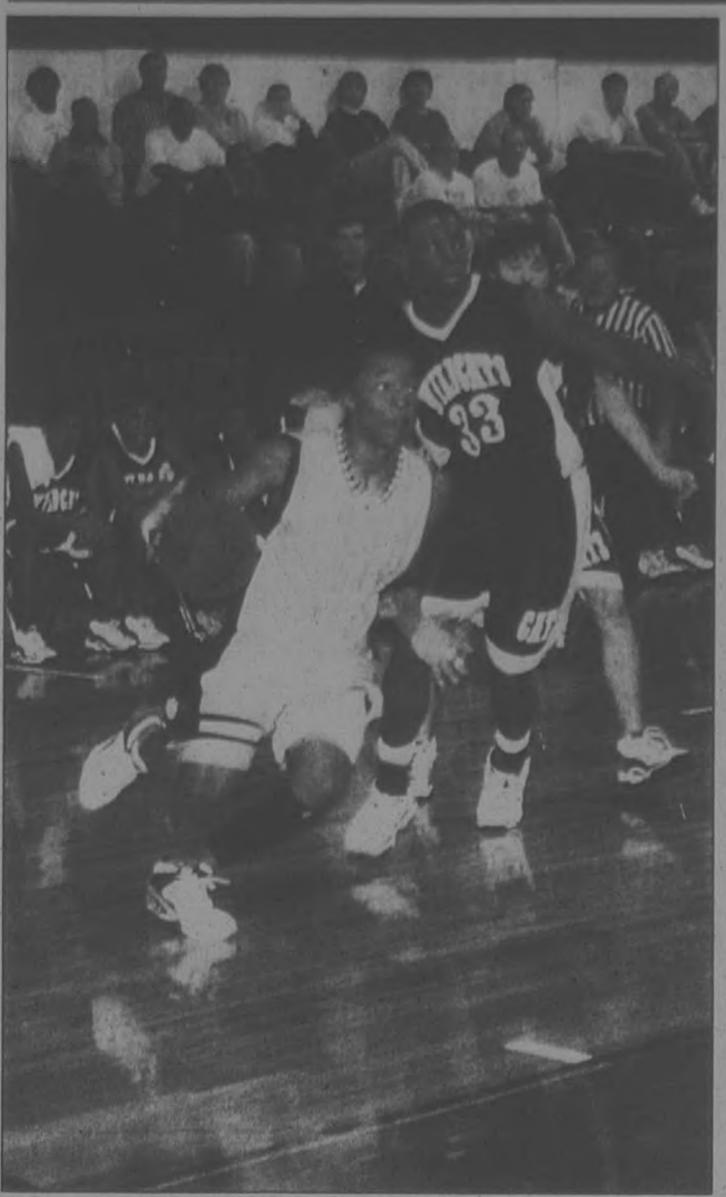
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SPORTS

Clinch second place in area

Tigers turn back Straughn 72-58



ELBA TIGER LARAY WILLIAMS (4) drives to the basket during a recent game against Enterprise. The Tigers will travel to Enterprise Tuesday night in their final regular season game.

(Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

Complete season sweep over Rebels

Elba Tigers zap Zion Chapel Rebels 67-40

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and never looked back Saturday night as they rolled to an easy 67-40 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Elba.

The win completed a season sweep over the Rebels and gave the Tigers a 12-8 record, while Zion Chapel slipped to 2-14 with the loss.

Elba came out in a full-court press to open the game and took advantage of two quick turnovers to grab a 6-0 lead with less than a minute gone in the game. The Rebels cut the lead to 6-3 on a basket and a free-throw.

High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

Kinston Bulldogs escape Rebel ambush 53-43

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Zion Chapel last Tuesday night and survived a Rebel ambush by posting a 53-43 win. Jeremy Driver scored 20 points, grabbed 21 rebounds and blocked 15 shots to lead Kinston, while Shawn Brantley added 9 points, Luke Taylor scored 17 points to lead Zion Chapel and Josh Smith added 14.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs down Zion Chapel 38-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs had to battle for all four quarters to get past the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 38-31, last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel. Ramsi Smith scored 12 points and Brittany Hunko added 11 to lead Kinston, while Kendra Brewer scored 24 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Zion Chapel tripped up by Houston County 75-57

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels continued their area woes Friday night by dropping a 75-57 decision to the Houston County Lions. Josh Smith scored 21 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Trevor Black scored 27 points and Jermaine Crews added 18 to lead Houston County.

Lady Rebels drop squeaker to Lady Lions 46-43

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled until the final horn Friday night before suffering a narrow 46-43 loss to the Houston County Lady Lions. Inessa Wambles scored 19 points and Keri Hobbs added 12 to lead Zion Chapel, while Kendra Brewer scored 24 points and Kristal Wells added 12 for Houston County.

Kinston Bulldogs clobber Purple Cats 71-25

The Kinston Bulldogs ran their winning streak to nine games and remained unbeaten in the area Friday night by clobbering the Arton Purple Cats 71-25, in Kinston. Jeremy Driver scored 15 points to lead the (11-8) Bulldogs, while Josh Reeves added 13 and Shawn Brantley scored 11. Aaron Reeves scored 12 points to lead Arton.

Lady Bulldogs fall to Arton Lady Cats 50-33

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their area title hopes vanish Friday night with a 50-33 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Casey Mack scored 11 points to lead Kinston, while Sherlyn Liptrot scored 20 points and Tasha Johnson added 12 to lead Arton, which clinched the area title with the win.

Brantley Bulldogs outscore Pleasant Home 68-53

The Brantley Bulldogs topped their record to 14-4 Friday night with a 68-53 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Devaris Skanes scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Derek Weeks added 15 points and 10 rebounds and Evan Christian scored 14 points. Brad Sanders scored 11 points to lead the Eagles.

The Elba Tigers wrapped up the runner up spot in the area standings last Tuesday night by rolling past the Straughn Tigers 72-58 in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 11-7, 2-1 in area play, while Straughn slipped to 11-12 with the loss, 0-4 in area action.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Quinton Gavin, and stretched their lead to 8-2 with 5:33 remaining in the opening stanza after a three-pointer by Kiko Logan. Straughn rallied to cut the Elba lead to 9-7 with 3:15 left in the quarter on a three-pointer by Jared Armstrong, but Marchello Reed moved inside to score five points in the closing minutes and Quinton Gavin drained a long three-pointer at the buzzer as Elba ended the stanza with a 26-11 lead.

The Tigers' lead grew to 24-13 early in the second quarter on a driving lay up by LaRay Williams, but the Tigers managed to score only two points the remainder of the stanza and Straughn took advantage of the Tigers' sloppy play to rally and cut the lead to 26-22 by the end of the half.

A 5-0 Elba run gave the Tigers a 66-54 lead with 1:05 left, and the hometown Tigers hit 4 of 6 free-throws down the stretch to hold on and claim the 72-58 win.

Quinton Gavin scored 27 points to lead Elba, while Matthew Curran and a driving lay up by Kiko Logan the Tigers had some breathing room with a 34-28 lead with 5:59 remaining in the stanza.

Straughn cut the lead to 36-32 with 4:23 left in the quarter and appeared ready to make another run at the Tigers, only to see Elba answer the challenge and go on a 12-0 run to move ahead 48-32 with still left in the quarter.

Two free-throws by Matthew Curran started the Elba rally, while Quinton Gavin went 3-of-4 from the free-throw line to spark the game's next 10 points to spark the Tigers as they regained command.

Elba carried a 51-36 lead into the final stanza and remained in command for much of the quarter as its lead stood at 59-43 with 4:45 left on the clock. Straughn was down, but not about to quit, and sparked by the play of Scotty Rabren and Sterling Driver staged yet another rally midway through the stanza to pull within 61-54 with 2:47 remaining in the game.

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Smith and Josh Smith both scored 14 points to lead Zion Chapel.

ELBA 21 18 15 13 - 67

Z.C. 16 10 3 11 - 40

ELBA (67): Gulley 4, Williams 7, Gavin 21, Curran 9, Reed 23, Burks 3, Logan 1, Rogers 4.

Z.C. (40): J. Smith 14, White 3, Taylor 4, Wise 2, Childs 7, Sanders 2, A. Smith 14.

(JV GAME)

Gavin and a three-point play by Austin Smith, but Elba answered with a 4-0 spurt and moved ahead to 28-9 early in the second quarter, but Zion Chapel again refused to throw in the towel and battled back to cut the lead to 32-19 with 3:48 left in the half after a pair of free-throws by Josh Smith.

The Tigers answered the Rebels' rally with a 6-0 run to move on top 38-19 with 2:29 remaining on the clock, and when Quinton Gavin hit a short jumper with 1:10 left Elba had its biggest lead of the half at 42-22.

Two free-throws by Quinton Gavin upped Elba's lead to 44-22 with 6:40 left in the third quarter, and the Tigers' lead remained at 22-points for the rest of the stanza until Elba closed the quarter with an 8-run to end the final stanza to blow the game open and claim the big 52-22 win.

Antwon Tilis, scored 12 points and Ron Hill added 10 to lead Elba, while Leger scored 11 points for the Rebels.

ELBA (52): Hill 10, Butts 4, Robinson 9, Morris 4, Fraizer 4, Tilis 12, Abbott 9.

Z.C. (22): McWaters 5, Carter 2, Holloway 2, Jones 4, Leger 11.

(JV GAME)

The Elba Tiger JV hung close to one quarter in a 65-39 loss to the Abbeville Yellow Jackets, Friday night in Elba. The Tigers played the Yellow Jackets on even terms throughout the opening stanza and trailed only 16-13 heading into the second quarter, but were outscored 20-2 in the second stanza as Abbeville opened up a 36-15 advantage. The second half was more of the same for the Tigers as they played catch-up and never threatened a 65-39 loss.

Shawn Abbott scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Kinney led Abbeville with 14 points.

A'VILLE (81): Smith 8, Richardson 5, Stanford 6, Knight 4, Sowell 11, Davis 4, McNear 8, Baker 13, Grubbs 3, Fryer 12, Mills 10.

ELBA (52): Gulley 3, Williams 3, Gavin 23, Curran 4, Reed 12, Logan 6, Rogers 2.

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A'VILLE (65): Kinney 14, Figgins 4, Wiggins 11, Mitchell 6, Slaton 4, Harris 12, Kelley 2, Freeman 6, Culver 2, Spivey 4.

ELBA (39): Hill 8, Robinson 8, Morris 9, Tilis 4, Abbott 10.

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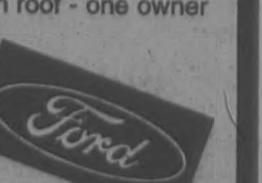
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